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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 20, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims: None

Amendments to the Abstract: None

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: Pages 2 - 6

Attachments: None